



Farmland Preservation in Macomb County

Northern Macomb County has some of the highest quality farmland in the state. This area is experiencing significant population growth and loss of farmland. Michigan and as well as Macomb County are blessed with a diversified agricultural economy and Michigan is second only to California in the types of crops grown. Agriculture is the second largest industry in the state.

The townships of Armada, Bruce, Lenox, Ray, Richmond, and the County of Macomb have recognized the importance of agriculture and the need to develop a program similar to successful land preservation programs in other states. This is why the Macomb Agricultural PDR Committee was formed.

PDR stands for "purchase of development rights" and allows a landowner the option to preserve his/her property as farmland. In such a program, a landowner is paid the fair market value of the development rights of his/her property and an easement restricts residential, commercial or industrial uses from being built on the land. The value of the development rights is generally calculated as the difference between the development value and the agricultural value of the land.

**"Help us in
preserving
farmland in
Macomb County."**

**... the
Macomb
Agricultural
PDR Committee.**



The message the PDR Committee hopes to spread is "We have a plan and you can help."

Mission Statement

Mission Statement: To promote sustainable growth and development while preserving productive farmland. Taking into account the rights of landowners and the need to preserve our natural resources.

Your Help is Needed

Funding: Macomb County is competing with several other counties in the state for farmland preservation funds. An important part of the application process is the interest and funding support of the local units of government and the residents.

Your donation is appreciated...

**100% of your
donation goes to
preservation
of farmland
and is
tax deductible**



Preserving a Macomb County Industry



**To make a donation or
to get additional
information on
farmland preservation:**

(please choose from the following)

1. Enclosed is my check in support of your efforts.
2. Please contact me regarding questions I have about your program.
3. Please contact me regarding addressing my church group, club, etc.
4. I am a landowner and would like to know more about the program and application procedure.

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HELPING TO PRESERVE PRODUCTIVE FARMLAND



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